

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 19 (Canceled).

1 **20.** (Previously presented) An electric plug connector including
2 an electric contact fitted in a housing, wherein:

3 said electric contact comprises an elongated contact
4 body that extends longitudinally in a longitudinal
5 direction;

6 said contact body comprises a crimping barrel that is
7 adapted to receive and be crimped onto an electric wire,
8 and a contact tab that extends in said longitudinal
9 direction from said crimping barrel and that is adapted to
10 make contact with a counterpart connector contact;

11 said contact tab comprises a base plate and a contact
12 plate that are integral and unitary with one another
13 through a folded junction and that are folded flat with
14 respect to one another along said folded junction so as to
15 overlap and reinforce one another;

16 said contact tab further comprises a protruding part
17 that protrudes integrally and unitarily from an end of said
18 base plate in said longitudinal direction opposite said
19 crimping barrel, so that said protruding part protrudes
20 beyond an end of said contact plate in said longitudinal
21 direction opposite said crimping barrel;

22 said housing includes a housing body that defines
23 therein a receiving cell in which at least a portion of
24 said crimping barrel of said electric contact is received,

25 a support wall that extends in said longitudinal direction
26 from said housing body and that has a support wall surface
27 which supports said base plate of said electric contact
28 extending therealong, and a retaining part that is
29 connected to said support wall at an end thereof opposite
30 said housing body in said longitudinal direction;

31 said retaining part is spaced from said support wall
32 surface at a spacing distance to receive said protruding
33 part of said contact tab therebetween; and

34 said protruding part of said contact tab is received
35 between said retaining part and said support wall and is
36 held by said retaining part to prevent said contact tab
37 from deflecting away from said support wall.

1 **21.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 20,
2 wherein said folded junction is a tight fold so that said
3 base plate and said contact plate extend flat and planar in
4 contact with one another so as to form a doubled plate
5 structure of said contact tab.

1 **22.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 20,
2 wherein said folded junction extends in said longitudinal
3 direction.

1 **23.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 20,
2 wherein said folded junction extends transversely relative
3 to said longitudinal direction at said ends of said base
4 plate and said contact plate.

1 **24.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 20,
2 wherein said contact body further comprises a fitting-in
3 part adjacent to said contact tab, said fitting-in part is
4 larger than said contact tab in at least one of a width
5 direction and a thickness direction respectively orthogonal
6 to said longitudinal direction, and said fitting-in part is
7 fitted into said receiving cell of said housing.

1 **25.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 24,
2 wherein said housing body comprises an accepting part into
3 which said fitting-in part of said contact body is fitted,
4 wherein said accepting part is provided at a rear end of
5 said receiving cell of said housing.

1 **26.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 20,
2 wherein said retaining part comprises a fitting wall, said
3 housing further includes an end wall that rises in a height
4 direction from said support wall surface of said support
5 wall at said end thereof, said fitting wall extends in said
6 longitudinal direction from said end wall toward said
7 housing body, said fitting wall is spaced from said support
8 wall surface of said support wall in said height direction
9 by a distance equal to or greater than a thickness of said
10 protruding part of said contact tab, and said fitting wall
11 contacts said protruding part of said contact tab to
12 prevent said contact tab from deflecting away from said
13 support wall.

1 **27.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 26,
2 wherein said housing further comprises cross walls that
3 rise in said height direction and extend in said
4 longitudinal direction along two sides of said support wall
5 and that receive said base plate of said electric contact
6 therebetween.

1 **28.** (New) The electric plug connector according to claim 26,
2 wherein said fitting wall has a thickness substantially
3 identical to a thickness of said contact plate of said
4 contact tab.

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